

Remarks

Twenty-three (23) claims remain in the application, of which two (2) were independent. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 20-23 have been added. Thus, twenty-three claims remain (1-23).

The Office Action has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim 1 as amended is novel over Chiu (5457453) and Claim 10 as amended is non-obvious over Chui in view of Crisan (5457453)

The amendment to claim 1 is supported by the specification and figures as filed. Figs. 4 and 5 (discussed at p. 14 of the specification) shows two keyboard sections 112 and 114, each of which carries keys 142 that define keytop surfaces 148 and 150. The keyboard sections are joined by link 162. The frontward portions of the keytop surfaces 148 and 150 are spaced apart from each other by the length of the link.

This feature is not shown, suggested or taught by Chiu. The link in the instant application provides space between the keyboard halves when the keyboard is in the open configuration.